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Action Plan Formation 2023

Well, I did not have to put on any additional staff to field the calls and emails from interested community members wanting to serve on the Action Team, but I am still confident we can field a representative group to put our Needs and Ideas to paper.

I'm slowly bringing this around so we can build interest and get that group formed. Come on its time to get going!

I would like to start out today listing some of the accomplishments that were directly related to the 2004 Action Plan.

Second Ground Water Well Expanded Health Care Facility w/provider. Expanding services

Association and the **Community of Ash Fork**



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Library Learning Center building completed, Head Start, and Library have new homes.

Increased communication with Yavapai County Supervisor

Developed closer relationship with area Deputies.

Stone Dam properties and Fay's Trail for recreation, Fish stocking

Multiple food bank locations

New Post Office is Coming

Having an APS representative, we know and can call and keeps us informed.

Active Historical Society with Annual Pioneer Days event

Small Town Christmas event, 4th of July celebration

Centennial Park improvements

Internet options

Radio Station

Flood Control Project along Railroad Ave.

J.T.E.D. District in the county

AFDA Newsletter

Enhancement grant for some new sidewalks 2011

On Feb. 5, 2014 Ash Fork was recognized as The Flagstone Capital, Az house bill #2001

I would like to add <u>increased</u> food opportunities, but unfortunately Lulu Belles is currently closed.

So here is the Action Plan Team Members assignment for the next 2-weeks.

Add to this list of new accomplishments in the community and surrounding areas since 2004. I'm sure I missed a few things.

Add other things that help the community. New services or businesses, Improved Social Media information. Organizations, on-line businesses ???

The big assignment. On a single sheet of paper. One side put the heading of-

"Things we would like to keep" on the other side "Things we would change".

And list those things that stick out to you. You can add a definition if you think it needs it.

When you get those sheets completed either drop them off at the Ash Fork Water Office or scan then in and send to <u>lewishume60@gmail.com</u>. I'm giving you until March 15th to get this done. Thank you.

The results will be organized and available during the Action Plan formation process.

To get you started I've printed the results from the 2004 Action Plan below (Page 3). You must have a few new ones. So that's the work for the next month. Get to it. Thank you.

So, you can think ahead about the next assignment. We will be completing a SWOT analysis.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Things in your community and things outside the community can affect you.

From this SWOT analysis we will focus on key result areas that effect the community and detail solutions, ideas and/or



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projects that can help achieve the desired result.

Key result areas might be housing, infrastructure, and public safety, as an example.

A lot to work on. I hope to see your thoughts and information. Lewis

Reprinted from the 2004 Ash Fork Action Plan

Like to Keep

What We Would Change

Little town shops, businesses Atmosphere, friendly people People, small town, helpful, support each other. Great Town, Nice people No Snow like back East **People- Great Diversity Small town Atmosphere Great Place to Live** Feel welcome, inclusive environment. Small town, businesses are accepted. **Public participation in the Community Rural community Rural lifestyle** Talented, independent people Love the Little Town Like the elevation Love the town and people **Everyone has a say** Historical sites in area Self-motivated people doers It's home- new people moving in Small town atmosphere, values

Spruce up the town Get more people to come through town More Deputies **Neighborhood watch programs Reduction in crime** More communication with citizens **Only 1-way out of Kaibab** More support for Sheriff Dept. Bring in more people, tourist, businesses Cleanup dilapidated builds. More varied income possibilities More law enforcement effort Clean up the community **Reduce crime in Kaibab Increased Tourism** Participation from wider group of residents More involved folks County constantly enforcing the rules **Too much Trash** Jobs, economic development. Keep \$ here Make more of our own decisions. **Decrease forest dumping. littering** More Opportunities, better jobs

Giving Thanks... We are very thankful we live in communities with volunteers who stand against the wind and cold each week to serve those in need, THANK YOU!

We are also thankful to our young people who are giving community service, helping in their school and community assisting older seniors and doing it with a smile and caring heart.

If we are up and out early enough, we might see someone removing snow and may not know who it is.

All are appreciated and we give our thanks and God will bless you and keep you moving forward.





Ash Fork Is Growing ... by Fayrene Hume

Look around Ash Fork-there is a lot in the making and some is already in action:

Ash Fork School-Construction on Bus Barn/Auto Mechanic Station for Classes & Work;

Ricky Murphy's Expansion;

Water Service Pump House;

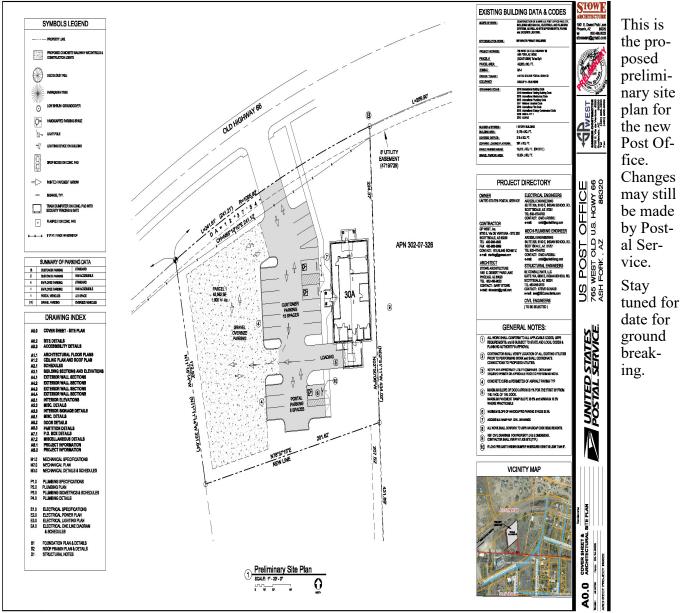
TA Travel Center;

Pilot;

Post Office

With this expansion comes concerns, especially affordable housing, which is much in demand. If you have been reading the papers you will know our neighbors are having the same problems. Williams, Flagstaff and Prescott rent prices are more than the salaries can handle. Chino Valley is in the process of bringing forth affordable housing for their teachers. As growth comes and jobs are available, where will these employees live? When the Ash Fork Economic Development Action Plan was prepared in March, 1997 this was one of the concerns and to date nothing has changed. One of the issues is the lack of a Wastewater System so that vacant lots can be built upon for both commercial and residential use.

AFDA is currently updating this Action Plan and your comments are welcomed.



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2023 Spring Update

We are leveling UP for the New Year at Alchemy! Here are some highlights we can share, and things to look forward to.

You now have a Women's Health provider in the area right here at Alchemy!

Dr. Alice Veirs (pronounced "veers") is joining Daniel Knight FNP-BC at Alchemy to provide additional Primary Care services. Women's exams and hormone replacement therapy will be a focus for Dr. Veirs. She brings Naturopathic treatments such as IV hydration therapy, nutraceuticals, and Acupuncture with her. We look forward to expanding our Integrative Therapies to give you more options for care and wellness. If you have ever checked our Facebook page, you will already know – we like "Informed Patient Choices."

Insurance Plan Coverage – we will have new developments to announce shortly that will enhance your ability to get prescriptions, Naturopathic, Acupuncture and Massage Therapy as "covered services" at Alchemy. Availability of this coverage will impact most patients but will particularly improve the options of both **AHCCCS** recipients and **Veterans**. These services will continue to be cash pay until the new developments are in place. Will keep you posted!

VFC Vaccines to meet school mandates. Alchemy's Vaccines For Children Program is established at Alchemy. <u>Flu Shots are part of this program, usually until the end of the March</u>. We will do all VFC vaccinations by appointment only and coordinate Shot Clinics as needed. Covid-19 Primary and Bivalent Booster shots are also available for those under 19 years old.

Virus Season. They weren't kidding when they warned us this season would be tough. Covid 19, Influenza and RSV are still the top culprits. We have seen children particularly hard hit by RSV. We are seeing fewer adult patients with viral symptoms at this point. Hopefully we are on our way out of this difficult time.

Covid-19 Shots. The new Covid-19 Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent Booster Shots are available at Alchemy for all ages. Call to schedule during our next Shot Clinic.

Adult Flu Shots and Rapid Testing for all ages. Alchemy is still not able to stock adult Flu Shots at this point due to backordering and supply chain issues. Flu season typically runs through March, so don't be afraid to get your shot at your preferred pharmacy. We do have Rapid Testing in-house for Covid-19, Flu A and B and Strep Throat. There is no RSV rapid test. As with any viral season, continue to wash hands thoroughly and often. Ask your Provider if you have special health concerns, discuss any options you may have for preventing or reducing symptoms.

"No person is your friend who demands your silences, or denies your right to grow." ~ Alice Walker

"Always remember: Silence and smile are two very powerful tools." ~ Paulo Coelho

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity" ~ Amelia Earhart



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ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS.....

The Society is very excited to announce the latest book by Neal Davis entitled "Escalante Elegance".

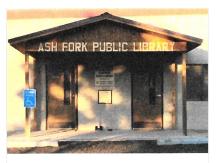


As you may, or may not know the Hotel Escalante was part of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway station complex here in Ash Fork. This book recites the history of this elegant hotel.

Neal has done a fantastic job telling the history which also includes many pictures.

You can purchase a copy at the Ash Fork Museum which is open Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm, weather permitting. Call if you are unsure the museum is open at 928-637-0204.

Neal Davis is a native of Winslow, AZ After Neal retired in 2009 after 30 years in finance banking, his interests turned to writing. He has done extensive articles for various magazines as well as penning several books.



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ash Fork Library just held its "How to Start & Market Your Business: seminar offered by SBDC (Small Business Development Canters). These are continuing seminars that are free to the public and intended to help small businesses. Come in for more information on the next seminar and how to sign up!

The Library holds a summer reading program every year for children grades K-6. Its free for the community and children earn prizes for reading books—making it a great program to encourage kids to read. The program starts when school ends in early June and will be held on Friday's. We will have information and sign up sheets in late May. We hope to see you there!

the history of this ele-
gant hotel.As always, we have many new books and DVD's available
for check out and receive new inventories monthly. Come
on in and say HI and see what we have!

Andrew Tucker

Library Coordinator 928-637-2442

There is News—and there is FAKE NEWS!

How much can we believe to be true these days?

Facebook is a speedy way for news to travel, but be aware of how much has truth. Sometimes things get made up. Recent information on Facebook has been incorrectly presented.

Kathleen A. Tackett-Hicks of HTK Consulting for Travel Center spoke at the monthly meeting of Ash Fork Development Association held on February 15th as she has on a regular basis for the past two years; giving progress reports and speaking to those from the community. At this time she reported that Travel Center would be starting the projected new business on the west end of Ash Fork before March 1st, weather permitting. Curious? Take a look for yourself.

A ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled sometime in March, again weather permitting.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

What is happening on the field northwest of the campus? This has been a common question lately as large earth movers have begun to prepare land for a new building on Ash Fork School's vacant lot. The district is constructing a 120 x 60 ft. metal building to protect our busses and perform basic maintenance. Student transportation is a big part of our facilities budget and protecting our yellow fleet of buses is one way to reduce a large capital expense. Seeing physical progress is a nice long awaited sign that the bus barn will soon be a reality. The process started nearly three years ago and has seemed to hit just about every possible strand of red tape along the way. The Contractor SJ Anderson was able to secure a fair price and work within the budget of the district. SJ Anderson also constructed the new wall on the softball and baseball field. A new bus barn is just a part of a long term capital plan for Ash Fork Schools. Other items include upgrades to our sports fields which include lighting, and new turf. Completed projects such as our new wellness center, roofing, and weatherization were also part of a long term plan to keep our campus looking its best and providing opportunities for students and community.



Another big change here at Ash Fork Schools was more academic than physical. Starting in the Spring Semester Ash Fork Elementary and Middle School replaced its current intervention program with a "Reteach and Enrich Model" that will serve both excelling and struggling students. The new program is also conducted earlier in the day when students are more likely to learn and participate. All specials are placed in the last hour of the day. The new program did extend the school day for elementary and middle school from 2:45 to 4:00 for all students. So far the new schedule has been a success, but we will not know for sure until state testing results come out in June, but we can gain some information from our third quarter benchmark tests conducted the first weeks of March. I really want to thank our parents for being flexible and willing to work with your schedules to make this happen.

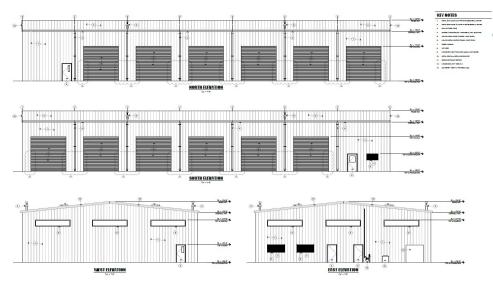
Sixty of our high school students attended the Yavapai College/ Mountain Institute Program Fair in Prescott. Mountain Institute is our Career and Technical Education District (CTED) for Yavapai County. High School Students were able to view a large variety of classes and programs that are available to them while in high school. Fire Science, Electrical Lineman, Automotive, Medical Assistant, and Aviation were just a few of the course offerings. Many high school students are taking advantage of these programs here at Ash Fork and are able to qualify for great careers right out of high school.

Have a great day and thank you for supporting our schools.

Seth Staples,

Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools





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We're On The Web: www.AshForkWaterService.com THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS IN-CORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TREANSPORTA-TION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER. IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION WILL RENDER CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC SER-VICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE CITIZENS OF ASH FORK, AZ, TO INCULCATE CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BY MEANS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTIVE PROJECTS WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND-NATION.

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING DATES: March 15, 2023 April 19, 2023 7:00 P.M. ESCALANTE MEEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)

Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum Open Monday thru Friday 9 am-3pm Operated by Volunteers Ash Fork Historical Society

Community Church Schedules:

Ash Fork Baptist Church Pathway Chapel St. Anne Catholic Church Gospel of Faith Church Emmanuel Trinity Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St. Double A Ranch Rd. 7th St. Bullock Rd, @Cattle Guard 47423 N. 4th St.

"Falsehood is so easy, truth so difficult."~ George Eliot

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood." ~ Marie Curie

Sunday Services 11:00 AM Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM Wed. & Sat.: Rosary 3:30 PM Mass 4:00 PM Sunday Services 11:00 AM Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6PM Information call Pastor Robert (928)853-1122